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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ELECTRIC POWER AND SOLID FUELS

TO: Executive Secretary, EIC

FROM: Chairman, EIC Subcommittee on Electric Power and Solid Fuels

SUBJECT: EIC Subcommittee Annual Report, FY '59

REFERENCE: EIC-D-371, dated 13 May '57.

A. Specific Activities During FY '59

1. Review of Intelligence Product

No activity necessary.

2. Research and Collection Deficiencies

a. Research Deficiencies. The Subcommittee submitted research deficiencies on i) electric power and ii) solid fuels in the Sino-Soviet Bloc to the EIC for approval. CIA informed Subcommittee members of its proposed FY '60 research program to remove these deficiencies.

b. Collection Deficiencies. The Subcommittee has reviewed statements on gaps in intelligence on USSR electric power, USSR solid fuels, and Hungary electric power, and has received gaps in intelligence statements on Hungary solid fuels, Rumania electric power, and Rumania solid fuels. The members of the Subcommittee believed these to be suitable, if not complete, statements of priority gaps for use by the intelligence community. The Subcommittee feels these statements could replace the EIC-S-16 series (not used by this Subcommittee, however) if the EIC so directed.

3. Review of Substantive Papers

No activity necessary.

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4. Review of Proposals for External Research

No activity necessary.

5. Maintenance of Agreed Basic Statistics

No activity necessary.

6. Projects Undertaken on the Request of EIC.

No activity necessary.

7. Intelligence Research Techniques

No activity.

8. Special Coordination Functions

No activity by the Subcommittee.

9. Evaluation of the Role of the Subcommittee

a. Only CIA and Army have responsibilities for economic intelligence on the Sino-Soviet Bloc in the fields of electric power and only CIA in the field of solid fuels. CIA and Army have, as in the past, coordinated NIS contributions in bilateral meetings without recourse to the EIC machinery. Coordinated research on electric power available to Soviet nuclear materials production sites was carried on under JAEIC.

b. The Subcommittee has been active only in those areas in which the EIC has asked the Subcommittee to undertake work. The low priority of economic intelligence on the Sino-Soviet Bloc electric power and solid fuels industries necessitated no other action during the past year.

B. Future Program

Further consideration of the CIA prepared collection deficiencies is the only outstanding business for FY '60.

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